

such a thing or Mrs. Clinton was a friend of Mr. Livingstone's mother.

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STATEMENT OF GLORIA LIVINGSTONE

I do not know Hillary Rodham Clinton, I have never met Mrs. Clinton, and I have never spoken with Mrs. Clinton. We are not, and never have been, personal friends.

I believe the only occasion I was in the same room as Mrs. Clinton was shortly before Christmas last year, when I had the privilege of helping to decorate the White House Christmas tree. At one point, Mrs. Clinton entered the room and thanked us as a group for our efforts.

(Mr. GEJDENSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I find a very frightening trend in this Chamber that there is an attempt to squelch free speech. It actually started in the very first days of the Congress, shutting down some of the institutions that represented various concerns in the country.

Now, we see on the floor when individuals try to express or respond to what was a very inflammatory statement apparently on the Republican side, that when the minority tries to respond parliamentary maneuvers are used to prevent them from speaking.

Frankly, through the years we gave far greater opportunity to the minority to express its statements than we have seen here. The attempt to operate this House ad hoc out of the Committee on Rules, to try to squelch honest debate and criticism, the first instance of course was the Speaker himself when the Speaker used to come to the well and absolutely devastate everyone else as soon as his name was mentioned. They stopped it. It is an outrage.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 2 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again let me extend my apologies for my abruptness to the gentleman from Wisconsin who was up at the same time seeking recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest to all of us here that although there is an intense interest in the issue we have been discussing, and there are certainly going to be many opportunities for this discussion to continue, both on and off the floor of this Chamber, that we do have the New York delegation who are here, and have been patiently waiting for the opportunity to express themselves in a special order about a fallen comrade. I do think that perhaps it might be in the best interest of the decorum of this body if perhaps we could move this debate to another time, another venue, or perhaps further work in the committee or on the floor at another time, and at this point cede the floor to those folks that are so concerned, so interested in doing their job.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we might, so that the New York delegation could get to its intended business, if we could dispose of this matter the same way that we disposed of an incident several weeks ago involving the gentleman from Arizona and the gentleman from Wisconsin now speaking, when the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] suggested that it might be resolved by simply an expression of regret to the House by the Member in question that the incident occurred so that we can expunge the RECORD and return to the normal business of the House.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, again I think in the interest of decorum and the interest of consideration, one for another among our colleagues, I would like to personally ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KANJORSKI] be given time for a short statement, after which I would expect we should be able to move on, return to normalcy for all parties concerned and allow the New York delegation to move on with their work.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. KANJORSKI. I appreciate the majority leader's courtesy.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to apologize to my friend from Pennsylvania, if I have in any way caused you discomfort to attacking your integrity. I never intended to do that. I merely wanted to express that there was another forum that could have been used for this, and there would be other jeopardies involved if it had been used.

Having served in the House for 12 years now and having been here some 42 years ago with a good friend of mine, Bill Emerson, who we just saw die last week, it has always been my intention that we have comity in the House and civility, and I have to say that I see myself having gotten into this engagement with great disappointment because it does destroy the civility and the comity of the House, and I want my friends on the other side to know that I hope not to be a part of that, and any remarks that are taken that way, not only the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] but all my friends on the Republican side, I would hope that you would do me the kind courtesy of taking it as I truly intended it, not to attack the integrity of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER].

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, with that apology, which I found to be quite gracious, I move that Mr. KANJORSKI be permitted to proceed in order and I would give my best regards to the New

York delegation as I am confident we will soon be moving to them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the motion is agreed to.

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE NEED TO INCREASE AIRPORT SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in deference to the New York delegation and to the untimely death of our beloved Ham Fish, I will not take the entire 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say real quickly that there was a tragedy that occurred last week in New York going out of Kennedy airport. The TWA airplane that took off from Kennedy heading for Paris was blown up shortly after takeoff, and it is highly suspicious as to what was the cause. Some people right now believe it may have been the act of a terrorist. It is premature to say that but it certainly looks that way.

Toward that end, I have introduced legislation which I introduced after the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland a few years ago, which mandated that at every major airport in the United States, the 50 largest airports, that there would be sniffer dogs at the gates and where the luggage goes through to try to find out if plastic explosive or other explosive devices are going through. With the millions and millions of people that are traveling through the airports and through the air in the United States of America, it is imperative that they be as safe as is humanly possible.

The mechanical devices that have been tested have been found flawed. Sniffer dogs and other animals that can sniff out plastic explosives can save a lot of lives. We here in the Capitol today were using sniffer dogs because we had foreign dignitaries visiting, and we wanted to make sure they were protected and there were no explosive devices put in this Capitol.

They do work. They are effective. There are some down sides to them. It is expensive. You have to have a lot of dogs. But in this climate of terrorism in this world and in the United States of America, I think it is imperative that this legislation be passed as quickly as possible. I urge my colleagues to look at this bill seriously and cosponsor it if they feel so inclined.